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Trump says Jerusalem is Israel's capital city

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THE ARTICLE

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The UN called the decision "a moment of great anxiety". It added: "There is no alternative to the two-state solution." Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said it was "a historic day". He said Israel was profoundly grateful to President Trump. Palestinian leader, Ismail Haniya, described Trump's decision as a "flagrant aggression," and "the official announcement of the end of the peace process." A Palestinian diplomat told the BBC that Mr Trump, "is declaring war in the Middle East and against 1.5 billion Muslims." Israel's Haaretz newspaper wrote: "It will certainly provide Iran and its allies with a wonderful rallying cry and could even breathe new life into terrorist organizations like ISIS."

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WARM-UPS

1. JERUSALEM: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about Jerusalem. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

president / Jerusalem / capital city / embassy / rationale / action / peace / reality / decision / anxiety / alternative / grateful / announcement / aggression / war / breathe

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. DONALD TRUMP: Students A **strongly** believe Donald Trump was right to officially recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital city; Students B **strongly** believe he wasn't right. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. WORLD REACTION: Check the Internet to find out how the leaders of these countries reacted to Donald Trump's decision? Do you agree with them? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What did they say?	Do you agree?
Russia		
United Kingdom		
Iran		
Jordan		
China		
Canada		

5. EMBASSY: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "embassy". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. PEACE: Rank these with your partner. Put the places where peace will come to first at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Israel/Palestine
- Afghanistan
- North Korea
- Punjab
- Syria
- Myanmar
- Ukraine
- Congo

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---------------|--|
| 1. recognizes | a. The world or the state of things as they actually exist, rather than an imaginary idea of them. |
| 2. embassy | b. Gets rid of, cancels, or reverses a previous system, decision, or situation. |
| 3. overturns | c. A set of reasons or a logical basis for a course of action or a particular belief. |
| 4. address | d. Speak to a person or group of people, usually in a formal way. |
| 5. rationale | e. The action of following or running after someone or something. |
| 6. pursuit | f. The official residence or offices of one country in another. |
| 7. reality | g. Accepts and acknowledges the existence, truth, or legality of something. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|------------------|---|
| 8. anxiety | h. In a very great or intense way. |
| 9. alternative | i. One or more things available as another possibility. |
| 10. solution | j. A means of solving a problem or dealing with a difficult situation. |
| 11. profoundly | k. Of something considered wrong or immoral. |
| 12. flagrant | l. An official representing a country abroad. |
| 13. diplomat | m. A call, shout or action that brings people together to support a person or cause or take action. |
| 14. rallying cry | n. A feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease, usually about an event that is about to happen. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1712/171208-jerusalem.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. The USA has moved its embassy in Israel to Jerusalem. **T / F**
- b. The American embassy has been in Tel Aviv for a few years. **T / F**
- c. Trump said recognizing Jerusalem as Israel's capital was good for the US. **T / F**
- d. Trump said it was a reality that Jerusalem is Israel's capital city. **T / F**
- e. The UN is very worried about President Trump's declaration. **T / F**
- f. Israel's leader suggested the declaration wasn't so historic. **T / F**
- g. A Palestinian leader said Mr Trump has declared war on Muslims. **T / F**
- h. An Israeli newspaper said the announcement would not help ISIS. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- | | |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| 1. announced | a. inject |
| 2. moving | b. speech |
| 3. overturns | c. fact |
| 4. address | d. answer |
| 5. reality | e. transferring |
| 6. anxiety | f. shocking |
| 7. solution | g. concern |
| 8. profoundly | h. declared |
| 9. flagrant | i. deeply |
| 10. breathe | j. reverses |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. This comes ahead of the USA | a. recognition of reality |
| 2. Mr Trump explained his rationale | b. grateful |
| 3. the pursuit of | c. moving its embassy |
| 4. recognizing Jerusalem | d. into terrorist organizations |
| 5. nothing more or less than a | e. peace |
| 6. a moment | f. war |
| 7. There is no alternative | g. of great anxiety |
| 8. profoundly | h. as Israel's capital |
| 9. declaring | i. to the two-state solution |
| 10. breathe new life | j. for his decision |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1712/171208-jerusalem.html>

The President of the United States of America, Donald Trump, has (1) _____ that the USA officially recognizes that Jerusalem is the capital city of Israel. This comes (2) _____ of the USA moving its embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. The decision by President Trump overturns (3) _____ of America having its embassy in the city of Tel Aviv. In an (4) _____ at the White House, Mr Trump explained his rationale for his decision. He said he, "judged this (5) _____ of action to be in the best interests of the United States of America, and the (6) _____ of peace between Israel and the Palestinians". He (7) _____ that recognizing Jerusalem as Israel's capital was, "nothing more or less than a recognition of (8) _____".

address
pursuit
ahead
reality
announced
added
decades
course

The UN called the decision "a moment of great (9) _____". It added: "There is no alternative to the two-state (10) _____." Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said it was "a historic day". He said Israel was profoundly (11) _____ to President Trump. Palestinian leader, Ismail Haniya, described Trump's decision as a "flagrant (12) _____," and "the official announcement of the end of the peace process." A Palestinian (13) _____ told the BBC that Mr Trump, "is declaring (14) _____ in the Middle East and against 1.5 billion Muslims." Israel's Haaretz newspaper wrote: "It will certainly provide Iran and its (15) _____ with a wonderful rallying cry and could even breathe new (16) _____ into terrorist organizations like ISIS."

aggression
grateful
life
diplomat
anxiety
allies
solution
war

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1712/171208-jerusalem.html>

- 1) the USA officially recognizes that Jerusalem is _____ of Israel
 - a. the capital cities
 - b. the capitalist city
 - c. a capital city
 - d. the capital city
- 2) This comes ahead of the USA moving its _____ Tel Aviv
 - a. ambassador from
 - b. ambassadorial from
 - c. embassies from
 - d. embassy from
- 3) In an address at the White House, Mr Trump explained his _____ decision
 - a. rational for his
 - b. rationale for his
 - c. rational for this
 - d. rationale from his
- 4) He said he, "judged this course of action to be in the best _____ the United States
 - a. interested of
 - b. interests off
 - c. interests of
 - d. inter rests off
- 5) nothing more or less than a recognition _____
 - a. of reality
 - b. of reality
 - c. of reality
 - d. of reality
- 6) The UN called the decision "a moment _____"
 - a. of grated anxious
 - b. of greatly anxiety
 - c. of great anxiety
 - d. of great anxiety
- 7) It added: "There is no alternative to the _____ solution."
 - a. two-state
 - b. twos state
 - c. too stale
 - d. two straight
- 8) Palestinian leader Ismail Haniya described Trump's decision as a " _____ "
 - a. fragrant aggressive
 - b. flagrant aggression
 - c. fragrant aggression
 - d. flagrant aggressive
- 9) A Palestinian diplomat told the BBC that Mr Trump _____ war
 - a. is declared in
 - b. is the éclair in
 - c. is descaling
 - d. is declaring
- 10) It will certainly provide Iran and its allies with a wonderful _____
 - a. rallying cry
 - b. rally in cry
 - c. rally ink cry
 - d. railing cry

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1712/171208-jerusalem.html>

1. Where is the current US embassy in Israel?
2. How long has the US embassy been in its present location?
3. Where did President Trump give an address?
4. Which country did Mr Trump say he was acting in the best interests of?
5. What did President Trump say his decision was a recognition of?
6. What did the UN say the decision was a great moment of?
7. What kind of day did Israel's leader say it was?
8. What did a Palestinian leader say had come to an end?
9. How many Muslims did a diplomat suggest Trump had declared war on?
10. What did an Israeli newspaper say could have new life breathed into it?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1712/171208-jerusalem.html>

- 1) Where is the current US embassy in Israel?
 - a) Jerusalem
 - b) Tel Aviv
 - c) Nazareth
 - d) Haifa
- 2) How long has the US embassy been in its present location?
 - a) 8 years
 - b) 27 years
 - c) centuries
 - d) decades
- 3) Where did President Trump give an address?
 - a) the White House
 - b) Camp David
 - c) New York
 - d) Jerusalem
- 4) Which country did Mr Trump say he was acting in the best interests of?
 - a) Jordan
 - b) Iran
 - c) the USA
 - d) Israel
- 5) What did President Trump say his decision was a recognition of?
 - a) nothing
 - b) reality
 - c) peace
 - d) Israel
- 6) What did the UN say the decision was a great moment of?
 - a) anxiety
 - b) history
 - c) peace
 - d) triumph
- 7) What kind of day did Israel's leader say it was?
 - a) cloudy and overcast
 - b) a Wednesday
 - c) historic
 - d) humdrum
- 8) What did a Palestinian leader say had come to an end?
 - a) the peace process
 - b) hope
 - c) the road
 - d) talking
- 9) How many Muslims did a diplomat suggest Trump had declared war on?
 - a) 1.5 billion
 - b) 1.5 million
 - c) 15 million
 - d) 150,000
- 10) What did an Israeli newspaper say could have new life breathed into it?
 - a) Jerusalem
 - b) a fire
 - c) a dragon
 - d) ISIS

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Israel/Palestine

You think Israel/Palestine is the region where peace is most likely to come to first. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their country or region won't experience peace as quickly. Also, tell the others which is the least likely of these to achieve peace so quickly of these (and why): North Korea, Syria or Myanmar.

Role B – North Korea

You think North Korea is the region where peace is most likely to come to first. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their country or region won't experience peace as quickly. Also, tell the others which is the least likely of these to achieve peace so quickly of these (and why): Israel/Palestine, Syria or Myanmar.

Role C – Syria

You think Syria is the region where peace is most likely to come to first. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their country or region won't experience peace as quickly. Also, tell the others which is the least likely of these to achieve peace so quickly of these (and why): North Korea, Israel/Palestine or Myanmar.

Role D – Myanmar

You think Myanmar is the region where peace is most likely to come to first. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their country or region won't experience peace as quickly. Also, tell the others which is the least likely of these to achieve peace so quickly of these (and why): North Korea, Syria or Israel/Palestine.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1712/171208-jerusalem.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'capital' and 'city'.

capital	city
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• announced• ahead• decades• rationale• course• less	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• moment• historic• leader• war• provide• life
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JERUSALEM SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Jerusalem in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.
When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

JERUSALEM DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'capital'?
3. How big is this news (and why)?
4. Why has Donald Trump made this official announcement?
5. Why haven't previous US presidents recognized Jerusalem as a capital?
6. What do you know about Jerusalem?
7. Why might the decision be best for the USA?
8. How might this be good for peace in the Middle East?
9. If Israel says Jerusalem is its capital, why shouldn't it be?
10. What is the media in your country saying about this news?

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JERUSALEM DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'embassy'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Why might Trump's decision have caused "a moment of great anxiety"?
15. What will bring about a two-state solution?
16. Why might Mr Trump's decision be a "flagrant aggression"?
17. Is President Trump's decision good or bad for the Middle East?
18. What will the Middle East be like this time next year?
19. Will President Trump's decision be a rallying cry for Iran?
20. What questions would you like to ask Donald Trump about his decision?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|-----------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1. | (a) officialdom | (b) officially | (c) officials | (d) official |
| 2. | (a) heading | (b) headed | (c) heads | (d) ahead |
| 3. | (a) movement | (b) moving | (c) mover | (d) moves |
| 4. | (a) alert | (b) emergency | (c) address | (d) article |
| 5. | (a) pursuit | (b) perusal | (c) parsing | (d) appraise |
| 6. | (a) nothing | (b) thing | (c) things | (d) anything |
| 7. | (a) anxiolytics | (b) anxiously | (c) anxious | (d) anxiety |
| 8. | (a) historic | (b) historian | (c) histories | (d) history |
| 9. | (a) fragility | (b) flagrant | (c) fragment | (d) fragrant |
| 10. | (a) declarative | (b) declared | (c) declaring | (d) declares |
| 11. | (a) allied | (b) alliterate | (c) allies | (d) alliterates |
| 12. | (a) suck | (b) breathe | (c) respire | (d) inhale |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. Trump has nncoundae that
2. moving its essmyab
3. overturns ecseadd
4. explained his olantaeri
5. the upuirst of peace
6. a recognition of ylrtaie

Paragraph 2

7. a moment of great inxayet
8. There is no rtatlnaeive
9. the two-state usolotni
10. Israel was duopfnylor grateful
11. A Palestinian mdpotali
12. Iran and its iaslle

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () capital was, "nothing more or less than a recognition of reality".
- () that Jerusalem is the capital city of Israel. This comes ahead of the USA moving its embassy from
- () Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. The decision by President Trump overturns decades of America having its embassy in the
- () city of Tel Aviv. In an address at the White House, Mr Trump explained his rationale for his
- () day". He said Israel was profoundly grateful to President Trump. Palestinian leader, Ismail Haniya, described
- () The UN called the decision "a moment of great anxiety". It added: "There is no alternative
- () to the two-state solution." Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said it was "a historic
- () in the Middle East and against 1.5 billion Muslims." Israel's Haaretz newspaper wrote: "It will certainly provide Iran
- () decision. He said he, "judged this course of action to be in the best interests of the United States of America, and the pursuit
- () Trump's decision as a "flagrant aggression," and "the official announcement of the end of the peace
- () of peace between Israel and the Palestinians". He added that recognizing Jerusalem as Israel's
- (**1**) The President of the United States of America, Donald Trump, has announced that the USA officially recognizes
- () and its allies with a wonderful rallying cry and could even breathe new life into terrorist organizations like ISIS."
- () process." A Palestinian diplomat told the BBC that Mr Trump, "is declaring war

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. capital recognizes Jerusalem the Officially that is .
2. the This USA comes moving ahead its of embassy .
3. Decades embassy of in America the having city its .
4. of in the the USA best To interests be .
5. a more recognition Nothing or of less reality than .
6. state is to There alternative two- solution no the .
7. aggression flagrant a as decision Trump's described Haniya .
8. announcement the of peace the process end The of .
9. Iran a and rallying its cry allies Provide with .
10. into life new Breathe ISIS like organizations terrorist .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1712/171208-jerusalem.html>

The President of the United States of America, Donald Trump, has *announced / announcing* that the USA officially recognizes *what / that* Jerusalem *is / as* the capital city of Israel. This *goes / comes* ahead of the USA moving its embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. The decision by President Trump *overturns / overruns* decades of America having its embassy in the city of Tel Aviv. In an *addressing / address* at the White House, Mr Trump explained his *rational / rationale* for his decision. He said he, "judged this *course / cause* of action to be in the best interests of the United States of America, and the *pursuit / purchase* of peace between Israel and the Palestinians". He added that recognizing Jerusalem as Israel's capital was, "nothing more or less than a recognition of *really / reality*".

The UN called the decision "a moment of great *anxious / anxiety*". It added: "There is no *alternatively / alternative* to the two-state solution." Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said it was "a *historic / historian* day". He said Israel was profoundly *gratitude / grateful* to President Trump. Palestinian leader, Ismail Haniya, described Trump's decision as a "*fragrant / flagrant* aggression," and "the official announcement of the end of the peace *process / progress*." A Palestinian *diplomacy / diplomat* told the BBC that Mr Trump, "is *declaring/ declaration* war in the Middle East and against 1.5 billion Muslims." Israel's Haaretz newspaper wrote: "It will *certainly / certain* provide Iran and its allies with a wonderful rallying cry and could even *breathe / breath* new life into terrorist organizations like ISIS."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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Th_ Pr_s_d_nt _f th_ _n_t_d St_t_s _f _m_r_c_, D_n_ld
Tr_mp, h_s _nn_nc_d th_t th_ _S_ _ff_c_lly
r_c_gn_z_s th_t J_r_s_l_m _s th_ c_p_t_l_c_ty _f
_sr_l. Th_s c_m_s _h_d _f th_ _S_ m_v_ng _ts
_mb_ssy fr_m T_l_v_v_t J_r_s_l_m. Th_d_c_s_n by
Pr_s_d_nt Tr_mp _v_r_t_rns d_c_d_s _f _m_r_c_ h_v_ng
_ts _mb_ssy _n th_ c_ty _f T_l_v_v. _n _n_ddr_ss_t
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f_r h_s d_c_s_n. H_s_d h_, "j_dg_d th_s c_rs _f
_ct_n t_b _n th_b_st_nt_r_sts _f th_ _n_t_d
St_t_s _f _m_r_c_, _nd th_p_rs_t _f p_c_b_tw_n
_sr_l _nd th_P_l_st_n_ns". H_d_d th_t
r_c_gn_z_ng J_r_s_l_m _s _sr_l's c_p_t_l_w_s,
"n_th_ng m_r_r_l_ss th_n _r_c_gn_t_n_f_r_l_ty".

Th_ _N_c_ll_d th_d_c_s_n "_m_m_nt _f gr_t
_nx_ty". _t_d_d: "Th_r_s_n _lt_rn_t_v_t th_
tw_-st_t_s_l_t_n." _sr_l's Pr_m_M_n_st_r
B_nj_m_n N_t_ny_h_s_d_t_w_s "_h_st_r_c_d_y". H_s_d
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1712/171208-jerusalem.html>

the president of the united states of america donald trump has announced that the usa officially recognizes that jerusalem is the capital city of israel this comes ahead of the usa moving its embassy from tel aviv to jerusalem the decision by president trump overturns decades of america having its embassy in the city of tel aviv in an address at the white house mr trump explained his rationale for his decision he said he "judged this course of action to be in the best interests of the united states of america and the pursuit of peace between israel and the palestinians" he added that recognizing jerusalem as israel's capital was "nothing more or less than a recognition of reality"

the un called the decision "a moment of great anxiety" it added "there is no alternative to the two-state solution" israel's prime minister benjamin netanyahu said it was "a historic day" he said israel was profoundly grateful to president trump palestinian leader ismail haniya described trump's decision as a "flagrant aggression" and "the official announcement of the end of the peace process" a palestinian diplomat told the bbc that mr trump "is declaring war in the middle east and against 15 billion muslims" israel's haaretz newspaper wrote "it will certainly provide iran and its allies with a wonderful rallying cry and could even breathe new life into terrorist organizations like isis"

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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The President of the United States of America, Donald Trump, has announced that the USA officially recognizes that Jerusalem is the capital city of Israel. This comes ahead of the USA moving its embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. The decision by President Trump overturns decades of America having its embassy in the city of Tel Aviv. In an address at the White House, Mr Trump explained his rationale for his decision. He said he, "judged this course of action to be in the best interests of the United States of America, and the pursuit of peace between Israel and the Palestinians". He added that recognizing Jerusalem as Israel's capital was, "nothing more or less than a recognition of reality". The UN called the decision "a moment of great anxiety". It added: "There is no alternative to the two-state solution." Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said it was "a historic day". He said Israel was profoundly grateful to President Trump. Palestinian leader, Ismail Haniya, described Trump's decision as a "flagrant aggression, and" the official announcement of the end of the peace process. "A Palestinian diplomat told the BBC that Mr Trump, "is declaring war in the Middle East and against 1.5 billion Muslims." Israel's Haaretz newspaper wrote: "It will certainly provide Iran and its allies with a wonderful rallying cry and could even breathe new life into terrorist organizations like ISIS."

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. JERUSALEM: Make a poster about Jerusalem. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. TWO-STATE SOLUTION: Write a magazine article about the possibility of a two-state solution in the Middle East. Include imaginary interviews with people who believe this will happen and with people who don't think it will happen.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on the Middle East. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to achieve long-term peace. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. g 2. f 3. b 4. d 5. c 6. e 7. a
8. n 9. i 10. j 11. h 12. k 13. l 14. m

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F b F c T d T e T f F g T h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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|---------------|-----------------|
| 1. announced | a. declared |
| 2. moving | b. transferring |
| 3. overturns | c. reverses |
| 4. address | d. speech |
| 5. reality | e. fact |
| 6. anxiety | f. concern |
| 7. solution | g. answer |
| 8. profoundly | h. deeply |
| 9. flagrant | i. shocking |
| 10. breathe | j. inject |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Tel Aviv
2. Decades
3. The White House
4. The USA
5. Reality
6. Anxiety
7. Historic
8. The peace process
9. 1.5 billion
10. ISIS

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b 2. d 3. a 4. c 5. b 6. a 7. c 8. a 9. a 10. d

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)